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2. JP 2001-39733. JP 2001-39733 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,492,289, a copy of which is enclosed and, accordingly, sets forth the relevance thereof.

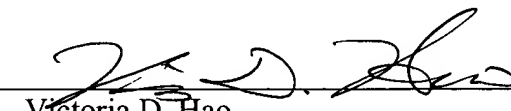
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